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SUPERVISOR HAAS ANNOUNCES “SOUTH SIDE PARKS UNCONFERENCE” *Haas Invites Public to Join in First-Ever, User-Driven Discussion of Milwaukee County Parks*

Milwaukee, WI – Supervisor Jason Haas is pleased to announce the South Side Parks Unconference, set for Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bucketworks, located at 760 S. 5th St. in Milwaukee’s Walker’s Point neighborhood.

“Our Milwaukee County Parks are true neighborhood gems that engender strong feelings of ownership and involvement,” said Supervisor Haas. “To harness that strength, I’m organizing the first-ever parks ‘unconference,’ in which park users set the agenda and discuss the parks topics that matter to them.”

The unconference is an unscripted event. In the truest sense of crowdsourcing, the attendees will create the agenda, and then split into facilitated group discussions. The afternoon will be devoted to generating ideas and to creating action items based on those ideas.

“My hope is that this unconference produces new ideas for how we can use our parks, and will spur folks into action to help make them even better,” explained Supervisor Haas. “The people who use the parks likely have solid thoughts about how to best use and care for this important, community resource.”

Supervisor Haas noted that District 14 encompasses nine county parks – plus, part of the Kinnickinnic River Parkway -- and borders South Shore Park to the north. Additionally, Grant and Maitland Parks are located adjacent to the district.

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